

NOVEMBER 6, 2012 SPECIAL ELECTION PACKET HELPFUL INFORMATION

Please note, the information contained in this packet is for general informative purposes. Individuals seeking to have their names placed on the ballot should consult with their private attorney to ensure compliance with all aspects of state and local law.

The City Attorney's Office does not provide legal advice to candidates.

HELPFUL NUMBERS:

Texas Secretary of State, Elections Division
(512) 463-5650/1-800-252-8683
www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/index.shtml

Texas Ethics Commission
(512) 463-5800
www.ethics.state.tx.us

HELPFUL DATES/INFORMATION TO REMEMBER:

- Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances relating to Ethics (Art. I), Financial Disclosure (Art. III), Limitations on Solicitation and Contributions (Art. IV), and Lobbying (Art. V) is available on the City Website at www.houstontx.gov/codes/index.html or from the Office of the City Secretary, Public Level, 900 Bagby, for a charge of 10 cents per page.
- The Personal Financial Disclosure form is also available at the Texas Ethics Commission website at www.ethics.state.tx.us.
- Thursday, July 25, 2012* Earliest date to file an application for a place on the November 6, 2012 Special Election ballot in the Mayor's Office (Texas Election Code)(***Note: an application cannot be filed before the election is ordered. The ordinance ordering the election is on City Council's agenda of July 25, 2012)**)
- 5 p.m., Thursday August 23, 2012 Last day to file an application for a place on the November 6, 2012 Special Election ballot in the Mayor's Office (Texas Election Code)
- 5 p.m., Friday, August 24, 2012 Last day to file declaration of write-in candidacy in the Mayor's office (Texas Election Code)
- Filing Fee - Cash or cashier's or certified check payable to City of Houston. **No personal checks or money orders accepted.** Council Member \$ 500.00 (Houston City Charter, Article V)
- Petition in lieu of a filing fee (Sec. 2-3, Houston Code of Ordinances and § 143.005, Texas Election Code)
- November 6, 2012 Election Day (Texas Election Code)